The BAYONET

VMI Parade to Honor Augusta

1995 Augusta Alumni Reunion Set for First Weekend in May

The annual Augusta Military Academy Alumni Reunion will be kicked off on Friday, May 5 with a late afternoon parade at VMI in Lexington, *alma mater* of General Charles S. Roller, Jr. The buildings at VMI were the architectural models for AMA's Big Barracks, and the 20th Century ideals of AMA were formed and honed here.

On Saturday, May 6, the annual AMA Alumni Association membership meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton with a Board of Directors meeting to follow. Founder's Day ceremonies will be observed Saturday afternoon at the Old Stone Church cemetery followed by a tour of the AMA campus.

Saturday night banquet

The annual dinner/dance will be held Saturday night at the Holiday Inn where there will be individual introductions by class, awards and an auction. A hospitality room will be open on both Friday and Saturday nights as well as Thursday from 5:30 until 10 PM for "Early Birds".

Alumni Association President **Gary Nicholson, '70**, said that "*a special effort is being made to get the fellows back for this reunion who are marking a special anniversary of their graduation from Augusta.*" The Classes of 1935, 1945, 1955, 1965 and 1975 will have special honors at the 1995 Reunion as will all Augusta World War II veterans.

Tommy Simmons, '53, who is making arrangements for the reunion, said that "*there are many interesting things to see and do in Lexington. The Marshall Museum at VMI has one of the most interesting World War II exhibits in the country.*" Next to the VMI campus is Washington and Lee where the office of General Robert E. Lee is left as it was when he died in 1870. Stonewall Jackson's home and his tomb also are in the historic town.

Golf and tennis available

The Holiday Inn can arrange for rounds of golf at the Country Club of Staunton. Tennis facilities also are available. A ladies program on Saturday will feature shopping, lunch and possible tours.

Mal Livick and **Linda Roller Livick** are expected to address the Founder's Day ceremonies at the Old Stone Church. In spite of the uncertainty about the future of the AMA buildings and grounds, it's anticipated that alumni will be able to walk to stoops and visit their old rooms once more.

The specific schedule for the Reunion will be found on page 9. A registration form is on page 11. Registrations should be received no later than Thursday, April 22.

Special room rates

Mention AMA to get special room rates at the Holiday Inn - $54 a night single, or $60 a night double, plus 6½% Virginia tax.

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Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.

March 1995

Our Board meeting last month in Virginia Beach was a huge success. We got to see many Augusta alumni who we have not seen in a long time. Special thanks are due **Jim Bob Lane, '49** for extending personal invitations to the many Tidewater fellows who attended.

Now, we turn to our annual reunion - and what a treat we have in store. As you'll see in this issue's page one story, the Keydets at VMI will honor Augusta in a parade on Friday afternoon. Wouldn't General Roller be pleased! We'll have our annual Founder's Day Ceremonies at the Old Stone Church and gather for a banquet on Saturday night.

The reunion emphasizes an essential truth - with the school now closed, the ties that binds us together are the fellowship and memories that AMA alumni - and only AMA alumni - share. To keep the Augusta spirit alive requires constant mutual reinforcement. Our annual reunion is the best place to relive our days in Fort Defiance and to keep abreast of what old and new friends are doing.

The classes of '35, '45, '55, '65 and '75 have special reasons to attend this year. But then, so do we all. Sadly, there likely will never be another graduating class at AMA, and ***TAPS*** reminds us that time takes its toll relentlessly. We already know that we have alumni coming from as far away as North Dakota, California, and the Virgin Islands. I hope you'll make a special effort to attend the 1995 Augusta Military Academy Reunion May 5-7. See you there!

K. Gary Nicholson, '70
President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

The BAYONET

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The *Bayonet* welcomes information and articles for or about AMA alumni. Share the news of promotions, awards, retirement, births, marriages, deaths, etc. Please print or type your submission.

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Son, Son, Son! Why haven't you written?

Remember Tattoo on Sunday nights when you were supposed to mail a letter home? Well, we are looking for a letter from you now. Please tell us - and your classmates - what you're up to! Use extra paper if necessary. And please print or type!

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Your Name and Class_____

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City, State and 9-Digit ZIP_____

Area code and phone_____

Class Notes \ Class Notes \ Class Notes

1914

Joseph Gunby of Salisbury, MD died in October of 1990. A family member writes that *"he was 94-years-old and active until three days before his death."* (See **TAPS**)

1930

Jack Woods says that he has looked back over his life and *"nothing beats my four-and-a-half years at Augusta."* Jack lives in Las Vegas and has worked for USAA, an insurance company, since 1962.

1931

O. B. McEwan celebrated his 81st birthday on New Year's Eve, 1994. He has practiced law in Orlando for 55 years with time out for service in World War II. He reports that his brother, **Robert H. McEwan, '34**, is deceased.

Harold Wescoat of Eastville, VA passed away 28 August 1980. (See **TAPS**)

1933

Newton "Newty" Brewer is a retired allied member of the New York Stock Exchange. He and Mary Ellen now live in Delray Beach, FL.

Charles A. Bell of Culpeper, VA died 4 January 1994. (See **TAPS**)

1934

Robert H. McEwan has passed away (See O.B. McEwan article under the Class of '31) (See **TAPS**)

1935

60th Anniversary Year!

Julian Quarles has sent us a copy of his bill for tuition, uniform, room and board for 1932 which will be in the next *Bayonet*. What did it cost when you attended?

Les Higbee goes to his business every day, snow skis and plays championship tennis. Last May, Les played singles in the age 75 division of the World Cup Championship in San Jose, CA. Les' wife Irene is President of the National Senior Women's Tennis Association. They live in Linwood, NJ.

1936

Thomas B. Tighe passed away 11 October 1994 at Fleet Landing, FL. (See **TAPS**)

"I'm looking for Bob Chappell, Charlie Rockwell, and H. B. Stewart from 1945..."

1939

Ed Aldrich's widow, Marge (Mrs. Charles A.) Cullen lives in Ellettsville, IN.

Mickey Gordon and Libby spent Christmas in Bermuda and had dinner twice with **Mel Alper, '39**. In June, the Gordons will travel to Okinawa and China to mark the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II. *"The first time I was in these locales, the government paid my passage. This time, I pay the bills,"* Mickey writes from Fort Defiance.

1941

Alvaro Escallon is the Columbian Ambassador to China. Formerly, he served as Columbia's Ambassador to Poland and as Columbia's Undersecretary at the United Nations. He had dinner in late January with **Clayton Rich, '41**, in Rich's hometown - Atlanta.

Len Coote is retired and living in San Francisco. He told *The Bayonet* that when he finished Augusta, he went to join his father who was stationed in the Philippines and ended up *"a civilian POW when the war started."*

1943

Billy Haycox is recovering from cancer surgery at home in Virginia Beach. He has gained 30 pounds since he got out of the hospital and hopes to see *"the horses run in 1995."*

Earl Cabaniss challenges everyone from the classes of **'39**, **'40**, **'41**,**'42** and **'43** to attend the 1995 Reunion May 5-7!

1945

50th Anniversary Year!

Fred Thomas, Jr. is a retired foreign service officer having spent 30 years in federal service as a Korean and Chinese language specialist/political officer. Fred is looking for some other guys from '45 for this year's 50th Anniversary of his graduation: **Bob Chappell** from Philadelphia; **Charlie Rockwell** from Savannah; and **H.B. Stewart** from Richmond. Does anyone have their addresses?

I. W. Phillips retired 31 December from Ace Hardware where he had worked for 44½ years in wholesale hardware distribution. He has joined his wife's travel agency in Brandon, FL.

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1947

Emmanuel "Manny" Michaels is the past president of the Virginia Dental Association and a past trustee of the American Dental Association (ADA) Relief Fund. Dr. Michaels is a member of the Virginia Board of Health and a Delegate to ADA. He has been in the private practice of dentistry in Norfolk since 1957.

Bob Huntsberry is a commercial realtor in Austin, TX. He plans to move back to Virginia sometime in the future. He and his wife lunched with **Bill Harris, '48**, recently.

1948

Les Zittrain practices law in Pittsburgh. After college, Les was a Supply Officer in the Navy aboard a radar picket destroyer. Wants to hear from people he knew at Augusta: 136 Thornberry Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-5061. Phone 412/243-0195.

Jim Chezem says he is "*alive and well in Belleview, FL and will see you at the next Reunion.*" May 5-7, Jim in Lexington, Staunton and Fort Defiance!

Richard McLaughlin has written an article on his recent 6,000 mile rail trip through ten time zones across the former Soviet Union on the TransSiberian Express.

Jerry Izenberg is a syndicated sports columnist with the Newhouse Newspaper Group. His home paper is the Newark *Star-Ledger*. We located Jerry after **John Pappas, '47**, asked alumni in the last issue of the *Bayonet* for his address.

1949

Jim Bob Lane organized Tidewater alumni to attend the February Alumni Association Board meeting is his home town - Virginia Beach. *(See page 8)*

1951

Clayt Santmyer is near retirement from the aircraft industry where he has worked since his discharge from the Army. Clayt lives in Chula Vista, CA and hopes to make a trip back East to coincide with the May 5-7 Reunion.

Hap Starr is looking for two of his classmates - **Bill Parnell**, who lived in Mayport, FL, and **Roger Brooke** who lived in Washington, DC when at AMA.. Please contact Hap at home: 3 Water Island, St. Thomas, VI 00802 if you know the whereabouts of Bill or Roger.

"...when I realized (my wife) had won the Texas lottery, I thought I was going to have a heart attack."

1952

Duncan Wong writes from Panama that he looks forward to every issue of *The Bayonet* and hopes to attend the 1995 Reunion.

1953

Alex Wattay retired as an American Airlines pilot March 1. He and Diane have visited **Hap Starr, '51,** in St. Thomas three times in the last few months. They plan to be at the Reunion in May.

Ron Mahanes will be attending the 1995 Reunion despite having been ill. He lives in Sunset, SC near his brother **Jim, '56**, who is a vascular surgeon in Easley, SC. Ron says that he and Doe *"have eight children between us...We do quite a bit of travelling by motorcycle."*

Ted Basque is an aerospace engineer at Explosive Technology in Davis, CA. He promised to try to make the May 5-7 reunion and is suggesting a West Coast branch of the Alumni Association.

1955

40th Anniversary Year!

1957

Jim Hume saw the California rains of January wash away the soccer season at Hillsdale High in San Mateo where he coaches. "*The kids didn't mind playing in the rain, but the fields were totally unplayable.*"

Robert T. Price attended AMA in 1956-57 and would have been in the Class of '62 had he remained. He is in the family-owned coal business in Hazard, KY, and plans to retire to Florida, "*or somewhere on the water*", in a few years.

1958

Bill Jaeger and Kay make their home in Chesapeake, VA. He has spent 30 years in the banking industry, the last 20 managing BankCard operations. "*When I retire, I hope I never see another credit card (except my own).*" Bill says he *"longs for the simple days 40 years ago at AMA..."*

John Parsons Manor has been married for 36 years to his AMA girlfriend (*"the one who baked cookies every week!"*). John has been with ABC for 30 years and is the video engineer for ABC's *Night Line*. He stays in close touch with Colonel Hoover.

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World War II Vets to be Honored at Reunion

The 1995 Augusta Military Academy Class Reunion will salute all its alumni who saw service in World War II.

Association President **Gary Nicholson, '70**, said that "*this 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II reminds us again of the terrific debt we owe to every son of Augusta who put on a uniform and defended the freedoms we all take for granted today.*"

At Saturday night's banquet (May 6), tribute will be paid to all the Augusta soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who went to war between 1941 and 1945.

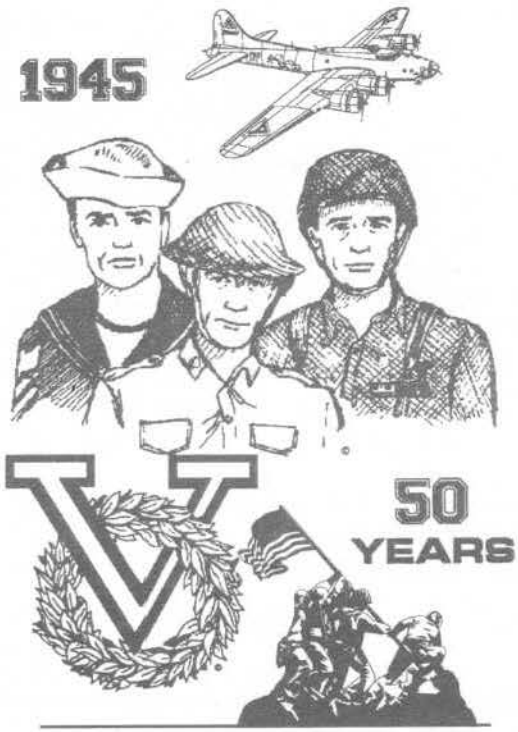
This issue of *The Bayonet* is dedicated to **Morris Perrow Guerrant, '42**, who was killed in action half a century ago on 30 April 1945. Lieutenant Morris "Punchy" Guerrant won the Silver Star for gallantry in the action that cost him his life.

Many saw action

Countless AMA graduates enlisted or were called to service in WW II. School records quantifying this patriotic commitment cannot be located, but everyone who attended Augusta after the War has seen the plaque in the arch honoring those who died serving their country.

In the fall of 1945 and 1946, veterans of the War came to AMA and brought with them the memories and tragedies of that awful conflict. Many members of Augusta's faculty also saw service in the War.

"*We hope that every living WW II vet who went to AMA can attend this 50th Anniversary of Victory Reunion May 5-7,*" said Nicholson.



AMA Sale Final

Apparently, time has run out for Doyle Culbertson and his dream of keeping the AMA school property. A lawyer for Crestar Bank, which held AMA as loan collateral, said that closing will occur shortly with the high bidder in last September's auction.

Greater Ministries International, Inc. (GMI) of Tampa had the high bid of $345,000 and say they plan to use the AMA facilities as a home for the elderly.

Culberston had filed two separate bankruptcy motions trying to forestall the sale. He recently claimed to have a Swiss investor ready to make an "upset bid" which would top the GMI offer. The deadline for such an offer was February 24 and no bid was made.

GMI plans to take ownership of the 21.9-acre AMA campus plus a 23-acre tract of land.

Korean, Vietnam War Vets Sought

We are looking for Augusta men who were in uniform during the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

As we honor the AMA alumni who were in World War II, we are soliciting the names of those who served in other conflicts. We will honor the veterans of Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and other such actions at a future reunion. Please send *The Bayonet* the names of AMA men who were in uniform during any of these engagements.

More AMA Alumni Computer Users

Here is the latest list of computer addresses for alumni. If you are on the Internet or have the Prodigy service, please let *The Bayonet* know.

PRODIGY ADDRESSES

ARRINGTON, MIKE, '76 --- KGCK20A
BRADFORD, BOB, '50 ---- JPWF19A
CASEY, PHIL, '63 ---------- JNVF36A
GERTZ, GARY, '78 --------- JRBF87A
HARRIS, BILL, '48 --------- YXXM29A
MATTON, STEVE, '69 ---- WPVF11A
MAY, HARRY, '47 --------- DANN93A
NICHOLSON, GARY, '70 - TXPV87A
POOLE, ALAN, '67 --------- JJBW75A
RUSSELL, JACK, '50 ------- SJRV81A
WALTERS, HAL, '48 -------- MKTK52A

INTERNET ADDRESSES

ADAMS, ROBERT, '63 - meadams@ecuvm.cis.ecu.edu
BRADFORD, BOB, '50 - reb111270@aol.com
HUME, JIM, '57 - jhume@ed.co.sanmateo.ca.us
MEEK, CHRIS, '84 - cmeek@engws4.ic.sunysb.edu
OGIMACHI, SHAWN, '77 - ogi@ucsco.ucsc.edu

ATTEND THE REUNION MAY 5-7

Class Notes

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1961

William "Billy" Pugh passed away 29 November 1993. (See **TAPS**)

Lee Jackson is living the good life in the Colorado mountains near Vail. Two years ago, his wife won the Texas lottery! They paid off their bills, travelled widely, and enjoyed the skiing at Vail. Lee says the easy life was too boring, and now they've started back into business for themselves. What happened when Lee realized his wife had the winning ticket? *"I thought I was going to have a heart attack!"*

1963

Phil Casey now lives in Lynchburg after working in North Carolina, Ohio and New York. Phil has been married 23 years and has three children. After college at East Carolina and four years in the Navy and Marines (including a Vietnam tour), he went into the retail business and has been a store manager for GNC most of his career.

Robert Adams, Phd, is Associate Vice Chancellor at East Carolina University in the Health Science Division.

Scott Green is teaching at a community college in Seattle and preparing for a major lifestyle change. He and Meredith, plus 9-month-old Jefferson, hope to move to a 75-acre farm in August. *"It is backed up to a mountain and looks just like AMA's setting,"* says Scott. Scott wants to locate other AMA alumni who served in Vietnam. *(See story on page 5)*

Herb Ruthrauff is a manager with Northrup-Grumman in Southern California. After graduating from Colorado, he got his Masters at Pepperdine, flew in Vietnam, and worked for overseas air carriers before joining Northrup-Grumman. Herb and wife Julia, daughter Megan, 11, and son Hunter, 8, live in La Mirada, CA.

1964

John Staley is missing and presumed dead after disappearing in the Estonian seaport of Tallin 25 November 1994. Staley is a merchant marine officer and his ship *The Liberty Spirit* was in port to unload grain. Estonian and American authorities, plus private investigators, have searched in vain for Staley. He lived in Fluvanna County, VA, where his 90-year-old father told the Charlottesville *Daily Progress*, *"I don't feel there is any chance...that we are going to see him again."*

P.T. Mattson is a model railroad fan and will travel from his home in Swedesboro, NJ to the National Model Railroad Convention in Atlanta. P.J. and Jeanette have three children and five grandchild-

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It takes COLD CASH *to run your AMA Alumni Association*

Nobody likes to ask for money, but your Alumni Association can't operate on good will alone. Keeping the mailing lists up to date - printing the *Bayonet* and mailing it. All these things cost money. Wouldn't it be nice at tax time next year to take a deduction for the contribution you make now? Thanks!

Annual Club Funds:

Cadet Club	$10	_____
Cadet Club Full Member	$30	_____
Patch Club	$50	_____
Bluestreak Club	$100	_____
Blue & White Club	$250	_____
Bronze Club	$500	_____
Silver Club	$1,000	_____

Scholarship Fund _____
Annual Fund _____
AMA Legacy Scholarship Fund _____

Name _____ Class ____ or Friend ___

Address _____

City _____ State____ 9-digit ZIP _____

Make checks payable to:
AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

Mail to:
P.O. Box 101
Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101

Contributions are tax-deductible !

Now, there... don't you feel **WARMER?**

Jim Bob Lane, '49, and **Ed Click, '50**, flank the new AMA flag during the February 25 Alumni Board meeting at Virginia Beach. Lane organized a social and a dinner during the meeting which was attended by many Tidewater area Augusta alumni.

We need your 9-digit ZIP code to assure delivery of *The Bayonet!*
In order to do the less expensive bulk mailings, the Post Office requires the full nine ZIP numbers. (Example:24060-1416). Recent "911 conversions" from rural routes and box numbers create similar problems. So - PLEASE - without delay, send any address corrections and your 9-digit ZIP code to:
EDWIN CLICK, P.O. BOX 101, FORT DEFIANCE, VA 24437-0101

Ernest Grimsley, Trustee

Ernest Eugene Grimsley, 88, one of the original Trustees of AMA and Grandfather of **Steve Trent, '70**, passed away 18 February in a Portsmouth, VA hospital.

He founded Grimsley's House of Tools in 1974 which he operated until his death. Steve, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, will retire later this year to join the firm.

Grimsley received the Hampton Roads Chamber Distinguished Service Award in 1986. He was a member of and was honored by many Tidewater and national groups, including the Portsmouth Partnership and was a delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business in 1986.

During World War II, Grimsley was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Born in South Carolina, he came to Newport News in 1929 to work at Newport News Shipbuilding. In 1935, he began work at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and was one of the top civilian industrial officers when he left in 1953.

In 1955, he founded Grimsley and Grimsley tool business and established Grimsley's House of Tools nearly 20 years later. And always, and in all ways, he was a strong supporter and steadfast friend of the Augusta Military Academy.

ren. He is an Emergency Responder for the DuPont Corporation and is the Woolwich Fire Company Chief in Swedesboro.

1965
30th Anniversary Year!

Ben Beard has been working with his son's soccer team in Pensacola, FL. He chaperoned the entire team on a recent visit to New Orleans. Ben had neck surgery in early January and is limiting his activities until mid-March. Good luck, Ben!

Nelson "Joe" Tyberghein has been Director of Parks and Recreation in Freehold Township, NJ for the last 20 years. He and Maureen have three children. Joe is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and hopes to get to the Reunion May-5-7.

1967

Alan Poole sent a *Prodigy* message to **Gary Nicholson, '70** from Minot, ND saying he is *"very pleased with the new format of The Bayonet."* Alan told Gary that he has kept up with **Rob "Bod" Nichol, '67**, who lives in Richmond. Alan, a fireman in Minot, plans to attend the AMA Reunion May 5-7.

1970

Gary Nicholson, President of the AMA Alumni Association, was hospitalized in late January for an angioplasty. He has to return to GW Hospital in Washington, DC soon for more tests. We're pulling for you, Gary!

1971

Garry Granger is Vice President of Pocahontas Foods. He now lives in Louisiana, but plans to move to Richmond in June, says **Gary Nicholson, '70**.

Warren Tochterman will complete law school at the University of Miami in May and will take the bar exam immediately thereafter.

Gary Understein is an 11-year veteran pilot on Continental Airlines and was just promoted to Captain on the MD-80. He is married to a flight attendant, Jan; they have a 12-year-old daughter, Frances; and they live in Denver.

1975
20th Anniversary Year!

1977

Christopher Vetick is Assistant Superintendent for Facilities Management at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He and Teresa are celebrating eight years of marriage with their children Chelsea, 5, and Dylan, 7 months. Chris says he stays in touch with **Mal Livick, Jr.,'75** and **James Mitchell, '76**.

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AMA Board Meets at Virginia Beach

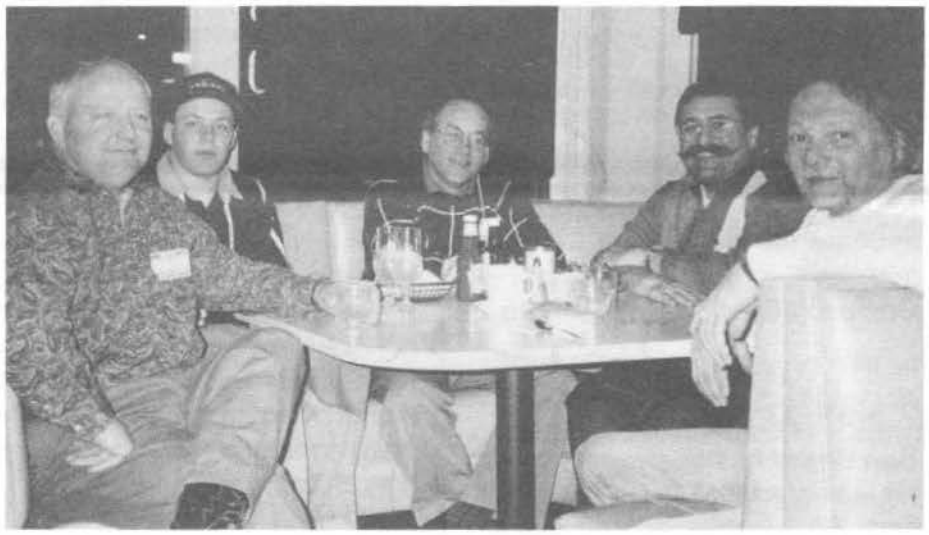
The AMA Board of Directors met at Virginia Beach Saturday, February 25 which was the occasion for a banquet organized by **Jim Bob Lane, '49**, and attended by many area alumni.

Meeting at the Seahawk on the Atlantic, alumni, wives, dates, and children enjoyed the company and warm (for February) weather. The hospitality suite was open Friday and Saturday nights and throughout the day and evening Saturday. Alumni enjoyed a banquet on Saturday night.

AMA Alumni Association President **Gary Nicholson, '70**, praised Lane who gathered the enthusiastic crowd for Saturday's reception and dinner.

Among AMA alumni who attended were **Jim Mackey, '44**, **Bob Rhea, '47**, **Tom Cohoon, '46**, **Dean** and **Griff Lohman**, both of **'72**, **Steve Matton, '69**, **Bill Gray, '37**, **Les Lamb, '44**, **Ed Click, '50**, **Steve Trent, '70**, **John McCutchan, '68**, **Jack Field, '47**, **Bruce Melchor, '45**, **Lewis Kennett, '72**, **Clyde Ramsey, '49**, **Frank Spencer, '49**, **Eugene Green, '45**, **Bob Edmonds, '47**, **V.P. Leavel, '39**, **Charles "Dink" Vail, '46**, **A.E. "Buddy" Krise, '57**, **Willis Walker, '71**, **Bruce Orenstein, '69**, **John Atkinson, '60**, **Ed Lemmon, '45**, **Tom Simmons, '53**, **Jim Council, '49**, **Mickey Gordon, '39**, **Angus Hines, '42**, **Gordon Metz, '68**, **John Hash, '75**, **Harry West, '64**, **Nick Syropoulos, '69**, **Vince Barber, '45**, **William "Buddy" Cole, '49** and **Bob Bradford, '50**. Did we miss anyone?

Gary Nicholson, '70, President of the AMA Alumni Association, Inc., shows **Clyde Ramsey, '49**, an oil painting of Big Barracks done by a Washington, DC area artist. The picture was on display at Virginia Beach.



Alumni share old times at the Virginia Beach meeting. L. to r., **Gordon Metz, '68**, and his son, Chris; **Bruce Orenstein, '69**, **Nick Syropoulos, '69**, and **John McCutchan, '68.**

AMA Board Actions at Virginia Beach

✔ Approved scholarship funds donation in memory of Ernest Grimsley, longime AMA Trustee, who passed away 18 February.

✔ Heard a fund raising presentation by Excel Telecommunication.

✔ Heard from Treasurer **Ed Click, '50** that both the VMI and the AMA Legacy Scholarships are funded for this year.

✔ Heard a proposal for an AMA Museum.

✔ Accepted with regret the resignation of **Bill Klinck, '62**, as Vice President and member of the AMA Alumni Association, Inc. Board.

✔ Heard a report on the May 5-7 Reunion featuring a parade by VMI Keydets honoring Augusta Military Academy.

✔ Heard the latest news on sale of the school. *(story on page 5)*

AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

1995 AMA REUNION

MAY 5-7 - STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

Thursday, May 4	Early Bird Registration -	Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center I-81 at Country Club Road (Exit 225)
5:30 - 10:00 PM	Informal Social (Room 326) *(Donations of food, drink, cash appreciated for all 3 days for Hospitality Room)*	
Friday, May 5	Golf and tennis available Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center	
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Arrive in Lexington for Virginia Military Institute Parade	
4:00 PM	VMI Parade honoring Augusta Military Academy Alumni	
Evening	FREE	
Saturday, May 6		
7:00 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast available at Holiday Inn	
10:00 AM	Annual Membership Meeting of AMA Alumni Association, Inc. (Room 326) Election of Directors Reports	
After Annual Meeting	Board of Directors Meeting (All alumni invited to attend) Election of Officers	
10:15 AM	Ladies meet in Holiday Inn lobby for shopping, lunch, tours	
3:00 PM	Founder's Day Ceremonies, Old Stone Church Cemetery	
After Founder's Day Ceremonies	Tour AMA campus and barracks	
6:00 PM	Social (Room 326)	
7:00 PM	Annual Banquet, Grand Ball Room, Holiday Inn (CASH BAR)	
8:00 PM	Individual introductions by class Special honors to the Classes of '35, '45, '55, '65 and '75 Special honors to veterans of World War II Awards Annual Auction *(Donations appreciated of items that will sell for $25 or more)*	
10:00 PM - 1 AM	Dance and party!	
Sunday, May 7	Breakfast available - Check out - Drive Safely!	

The Hospitality Room will be open Thursday from 5:30 until 10 PM; open on Friday evening when alumni and guests have returned from Lexington; and open Saturday during the day and the evening. You Are Welcome!

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REGISTRATION
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TAPS

Joseph Y. Gunby, '14
Passed away in October 1990 at age 94 in Salisbury, MD. Family reports he was active until three days before his death.

F.R. Morris, '16
Deceased. No details provided.

Manual M. Weinberg, '25
Deceased. No details provided.

Harold Wescoat, '31
28 August 1980 in Eastville, VA. Survived by his wife, Margaret Wescoat.

Charles A. Bell, '33
4 January 1994, of cancer. Co-owner of Culpeper, VA Auto Parts. Retired in 1980. Survived by his wife, Rebecca Bell of Culpeper.

Robert H. McEwan, '34
Deceased. No details available.

Thomas B. Tighe, '36
11 October 1994 in Fleet Landing, FL. Survived by his wife, Margaret Tighe.

Charles E. Bones, '48
16 October 1994 in Charlotte, NC. Survived by his wife, Catherine N. Bones.

William "Billy" Pugh, '61
29 November 1993. Attended AMA for four years, 1st Lieutenant, A Company; Hampden-Sydney; Manager of Express Lane Convenience Store, Lynchburg.

Alexander Buck, '73
5 September 1985. Survived by his mother, Mrs. Ed Buck of Tucson, AZ.

Mrs. Thomas B. Behrendt
19 September 1994. The mother of **Thomas A. Behrendt, '40**; grandmother of **Thomas F. Behrendt, '66**. A lifelong friend of Augusta. At age 97.

Class Notes

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1978

Gary Gertz is a freelance audio engineer for sports broadcasts as well as an engineer for an AM/FM station in Washington, DC. He married Kelly 11 years ago and they have one daughter, Valerie, who is *"10-years-old...going on 22!"* Gary is a Chief Petty Officer (E7) in the Naval Reserve.

1981

Mortimer Echavarria is a captain in the Air Force of the Dominican Republic. He is a logistics officer commanding a heavy weapons company. He and wife Evelyn have three daughters.

1984

Chris Meek married Colleen in 1988 and their first child - Riley Nicole - was born 19 June 1994. Chris took five years off from college, then got his BA in Political Science at the State University in Stony Brook, NY. He's now seeking a Masters in Education and will *"follow in the footsteps of the man who inspired me at Augusta - Doc Savage"* to teach Social Studies in Bayville, NY this Fall. Chris is trying to locate **Jim Riser, '84**, who lived in Suitland, MD when he attended AMA.

Escolastico Ortega Schlaffke was a transfer to Randolph Macon Academy when Augusta closed. He says, *"It makes me happy to hear from AMA after all these years... I live in Guatemala, but I may attend the reunion in May."*

Colonel Hoover

I had the great pleasure of talking with Paul Hoover in late February. We laughed about how I had not progressed very far in life since I was the editor of *The Bayonet* 45 years ago - in 1949-50 - when Colonel Hoover was the faculty advisor.

He's mostly at home now in Lancaster, PA where he lives with his sister. And I know he'd like to hear from his former cadets.

His address: Paul Hoover,
436 West Chestnut
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Phone: 717/397-2624.
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This issue of *The Bayonet* is dedicated to
First Lieutenant Morris "Punchy" Guerrant, '42
Killed in action 50 years ago - 30 April 1945
Winner of the Silver Star and the Bronze Star

"Punchy" Guerrant was co-captain (with **Earl Cabaniss, '42**) of the CW Company his senior year at Augusta. He was one of the best boxers in AMA's sports history and an Ad Astra. He went into the Airborne Forces of the United States Army in 1943.

On 7 January 1945, Lieutenant Guerrant was 400 yards in advance of his platoon, infiltrating through enemy lines to carry information back on German troop concentrations. He made four 400 yard roundtrips through enemy fire, and without wire or radio communications, he supervised the pursuit of the enemy after their withdrawal. For his heroic actions, Lieutenant Guerrant received the Bronze Star.

On 30 April 1945, Morris Guerrant advanced ahead of his platoon scouts over open terrain armed only with a pistol and one hand grenade. Unexpected German fire scattered his platoon, but Lieutenant Guerrant continued to advance, killing two of the enemy and forcing the remainder to retreat. He then deployed his platoon and advanced alone over open ground and through direct fire. Mortally wounded, he continued to fire on the enemy until death. For this action, Augusta's brave hero received the Silver Star.

In memory of MORRIS PERROW GUERRANT - and in honor of every AMA cadet who saw service in World War II - this issue of The Bayonet is thankfully dedicated.